

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 16017 221530Z  
ACTION ABF-01

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-10 ISO-00 SS-15 A-01 MMO-01  
SIG-03 /044 W

-----074693 221641Z /64

P 221717Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8424  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT  
USCG HONOLULU HI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRUSSELS 16017

FRANKFURT FOR EDER, GAO; USCG PASS USGAO FOR DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AGAO, ELTN, BBSR, BE  
SUBJECT: GAO STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL URBAN RAILCAR MARKET

REF: (A) STATE 203417, (B) BRUSSELS 15777 (NOTAL),

1. FURTHER TO OUR TELEGRAM (REF B), THE EMBASSY HAS NOW  
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

QUOTE...I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM TO YOU THAT OUR  
WASHINGTON EMBASSY INFORMED ME THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
GAO WILL VISIT BELGIUM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS MISSION  
HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE STUDY OF THE MASS TRANSIT SECTOR.  
IT WILL INCLUDE IN ADDITION A VISIT TO THE FIRM  
BRUGEOISE ET NIVELLES IN ORDER TO FOLLOW-UP ON A COMPLAINT  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 16017 221530Z

FILED BY THE AMERICAN FIRM PULLMAN WHICH CONSIDERS  
THAT IT IS CONFRONTED BY UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ON THE  
PART OF FOREIGN FIRMS IN THE MASS TRANSIT EQUIPMENT  
SECTOR.

QUOTE I AM ASTONISHED THAT THE GAO HAS BEEN PLACED IN  
CHARGE OF THIS INQUIRY AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF

YOU WOULD FURNISH ME WITH SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT...END QUOTE. SIGNED R. BUYASSE, DIRECTOR

2. REFTEL B OBJECTED TO THE PROPOSED GAO STUDY AT THE TIME SUGGESTED. WE WISH TO QUALIFY, HOWEVER, ONE POINT MADE IN OUR MESSAGE. AT THE TIME WE RECEIVED THE TELEPHONE INQUIRY FROM MR. BUYASSE'S OFFICE, WE WERE INFORMED THAT APPOINTMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED. IN A MEETING WITH HIM AUGUST 22, MR. BUYASSE INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN MISTAKEN. THE INFORMATION ON THE APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED HAD COME FROM THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, HE CONFIRMED WITH OBCE, OFFICE NATIONAL DU DUCROIRE, ETC. THAT INTERVIEWS HAD IN FACT NOT YET BEEN SOUGHT.

3. IN HIS REMARKS TO EMBOFF AUGUST 22, BUYASSE NOTED THAT INQUIRY SEEMED BASED ON THE COMPLAINT OF ONE US MANUFACTURER. WE INDICATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED (REFTEL A) THE STUDY WAS NOT GENERATED BY COMPLAINT FROM ONE US MANUFACTURER. MR. BUYASSE, HOWEVER, OBSERVED WRONGLY THAT IT WAS CURIOUS THAT PULLMAN HAD CHOSEN TO FOLLOW NOVEL ROUTE THROUGH CONGRESS AND GAO RATHER THAN ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES THROUGH TREASURY AND/OR ITC. CHAMBERS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** STUDIES, URBAN TRANSPORTATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 22 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978BRUSSE16017  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780343-0284  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BRUSSELS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780835/aaaabcov.tel  
**Line Count:** 85  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 27c0bf5d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ABF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 203417, 78 BRUSSELS 15777  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1652836  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GAO STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL URBAN RAILCAR MARKET  
**TAGS:** AGAO, ELTN, BBSR, BE, US, GAO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/27c0bf5d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014